Arkansas City Public Schools

BOE BRIEFS

An informal report from the Board of Education Meeting

February 9, 2026

Career and Technical Education Month

Career and Technical Education, CTE, helps students prepare for life after high school. These programs connect classroom learning to real jobs in areas like agriculture, business, health care, manufacturing, and technology.

Through hands-on learning, students build practical skills, explore career options, and stay more engaged in school. CTE not only supports student success but also helps grow a strong workforce for Kansas.

Roosevelt Elementary Report

Roosevelt Elementary shared its winter building report with the Board, highlighting positive academic growth across the school. Winter assessment data showed students are making steady progress. Students also shared how they are leading and giving back through the Student Council. Staff highlighted family engagement efforts and simple recognition practices that help create a supportive, welcoming school environment.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Resignations/Retirements:

- Hannah Demaree – Education/Transition Coordinator at Head Start
- Cindy Nichols – Custodian at C-4

Reassignments/Transfers:

- None

Hirings:

- Sarah Yzquierdo – Interim ACHS Boys Tennis Coach

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Board accepted an anonymous gift of $1,000 for the ACMS Counselors to use for ACMS student welfare.
- The Board held an executive session to discuss the ongoing superintendent search.
- The Board approved moving forward with selecting a Construction Manager at Risk for the upcoming bond projects. This approach allows the district to involve a construction manager early to help plan design, timelines, and costs, while still using competitive bidding. The goal is to support careful planning and responsible use of bond funds as projects move forward.
- The Board approved an update to KASB Policy KN, which outlines the district's complaint process. The change clarifies that the district's non-retaliation language applies to the entire complaint process, not just appeals.
- The Board approved Policy GBK-R, which outlines guidelines for administrative leave. The policy provides clarity and consistency on when administrative leave may be used and how it is handled across the district.
- The Board approved updates to the district's Driver's Education program. The changes align instruction with national safety standards and award students 0.5 elective credit for completing the course.
- The Board approved issuing a Request for Proposals for technology hardware for the 2026–2027 school year, including student Chromebooks, teacher laptops, and classroom projectors. Proposals will be reviewed and returned to the Board for consideration.
- The Board received an update on plans to explore a district-operated virtual learning option for the 2026–2027 school year. The discussion focused on alignment with district goals and student needs. No decisions were made, and the review will continue.
- The Board received an update on planned bus replacements through the Kansas Bus Purchasing Program, with discussion focused on safety, reliability, long-term costs, and fleet consistency.
- The Board received an update on planning for the Summer 2026 program. The discussion focused on hands-on learning and targeted academic support. Staff will return to the Board with a detailed plan and budget.
- The Board received an update on the superintendent search process. Community input and multiple review steps will guide the selection as the Board and consultant Dr. Chad Higgins continue the work.